

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (previously canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended) An enzymatic nucleic acid molecule which specifically cleaves RNA derived from a telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT) gene, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid molecule is a ~~DNA enzyme~~ DNAzyme.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4-5 (previously canceled)

Claim 6 (previously amended) The enzymatic nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid is chemically synthesized.

Claim 7 (previously amended) The enzymatic nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid comprises at least one 2'-sugar modification.

Claim 8 (previously amended) The enzymatic nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid comprises at least one nucleic acid base modification.

Claim 9 (previously amended) The enzymatic nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid comprises at least one phosphate backbone modification.

Claim 10-13 (previously canceled)

Claim 14-15 (canceled)

Claim 16-24 (withdrawn)

Claim 25-28 (previously canceled)

Claim 29 (currently amended) The enzymatic nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein said enzymatic nucleic acid comprises a cap structure; ~~wherein the cap structure~~ is at the 5'-end₂ or 3'-end₂ or both the 5'-end and the 3'-end.

Claim 30 (previously canceled)

Claim 31 (canceled)